

## **AMENDED** PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Study Session / Public Hearing: General Plan 4-Year Review Council Chambers Commencing at 5:00 p.m.

Regular & General Plan Hearing Commencing at 6:30 p.m.

**Council Chambers** 

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## SUMMARY OF HEARING PROCEDURES

If you want to address the Commission, please fill out a speaker card located on the table near the Audio Visual Technician and deposit the completed card in the basket. There are also speaker cards in the back of the Chambers and at the side entrance.

The procedure for this hearing is as follows:

- After the staff report, applicants, and appellants may make a 5-minute presentation.
- The chair will call out names on the submitted speaker cards in the order received.
- As your name is called, line up in front of the microphone at the front of the Chamber. Each speaker will have two minutes. Speakers using a translator will have four minutes.
- After the public testimony, the applicant and appellant may make closing remarks for an additional five minutes.
- Planning Commissioners may ask questions of the speakers. Response to Commissioner questions will not reduce the speaker's time allowance.
- The public hearing will then be closed and the Planning Commission will take action on the item. The Planning Commission may request staff to respond to the public testimony, ask staff questions, and discuss the item.

If you challenge these land use decisions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at this public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The Planning Commission's action on rezonings, prezonings, General Plan Amendments and Code Amendments is only advisory to the City Council. The City Council will hold public hearings on these items. Section 20.120.400 of the Municipal Code provides the procedures for legal protests to the City Council on rezonings and prezonings. The Planning Commission's action on Conditional Use Permits is appealable to the City Council in accordance with Section 20.100.220 of the Municipal Code. Agendas and a binder of all staff reports have been placed on the table near the door for your convenience.

## **AGENDA**

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

## WELCOME

Welcome to the Planning Commission Meeting. Please remember to turn off your cell phones. The parking validation machine for the garage under City Hall is located at the rear of the Chambers.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

## SUMMARY OF HEARING PROCEDURES

## 1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments to the Planning Commission on nonagendized items. Please fill out a speaker's card and give it to the technician. Each member of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The commission cannot take any formal action without the item being properly noticed and placed on an agenda. In response to public comment, the Planning Commission is limited to the following options:

- Responding to statements made or questions posed by members of the public; or
- Requesting staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting; or
- Directing staff to place the item on a future agenda.

## 2. DEFERRALS AND REMOVALS FROM CALENDAR

Any item scheduled for hearing this evening for which deferral is being requested will be taken out of order to be heard first on the matter of deferral. A list of staff-recommended deferrals is available on the Press Table.

Staff will provide an update on the items for which deferral is being requested. If you want to change any of the deferral dates recommended, or speak to the question of deferring these or any other items, you should say so at this time.

No Items

## 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar items are considered to be routine and will be adopted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made by a member of the Planning Commission, staff, or the public to have an item removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.

Staff will provide an update on the consent calendar. If you wish to speak on one of these items individually, please come to the podium at this time.

a. <u>CP16-002 (Administrative Hearing).</u> Conditional Use Permit to allow a three-story mixed-use development with 2,396 square feet of commercial space and four residential units with an alternative parking arrangement on an approximately 0.11 gross acre site in the CP Commercial Pedestrian Zoning District located at the southwest corner of Willow Street and Palm Avenue (328 Willow Street) (Nazaradeh Edward Et Al, Owner). Council District 3. CEQA: Exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(c) for New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. *Project Manager*, *John Tu* 

## **Staff Recommendation:**

- 1. Consider the Exemption in accordance with CEQA.
- 2. Approve a Conditional Use Permit Resolution as described above.
- b. <u>CPA93-017-01 (Administrative Hearing).</u> Conditional Use Permit Amendment to allow a 491-square foot building addition to an existing 1,634 square foot daycare center, to increase the student capacity from 32 children (previously approved with Conditional Use Permit File No. CP93-017) to 50 children, and outdoor uses within 150 feet of a residentially zoned property on a 0.23-gross acre site in the R-1-5 Single-Family Residence Zoning District, located at 1468 Saratoga Avenue (My Preschool Property LLC, Owner). Council District: 1. CEQA: Exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 for In-fill Development Projects. *Project Manager*, *Jennifer Piozet*

## **Staff Recommendation:**

- 1. Consider the Exemption in accordance with CEQA.
- 2. Approve a Conditional Use Permit Amendment Resolution as described above.

## 4. Public Hearing

Generally, the Public Hearing items are considered by the Planning Commission in the order in which they appear on the agenda. However, please be advised that the Commission may take items out of order to facilitate the agenda, such as to accommodate significant public testimony, or may defer discussion of items to later agendas for public hearing time management purposes.

a. <a href="H16-015"><u>H16-015 (Appeal Hearing)</u></a>. APPEAL by the project applicant of the Planning Director's denial of a 10-foot electric fence and approval of a Site Development Permit to allow the construction of a 7 foot, wrought iron-like fence on a 1.86 gross acre site, in the HI Heavy Industrial Zoning District, located on the southwesterly corner of Rogers Avenue and Junction Avenue at 1705 Rogers Avenue (1705 Rogers LP, Owner). Council District: 3. CEQA: Exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(e) for New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. *Continued from 10/12/16*.

**PROJECT MANAGER, LEA SIMVOULAKIS** 

- 1. Consider the Exemption in accordance with CEQA.
- 2. Conduct an appeal hearing and deny the appeal and approve a Site Development Permit Resolution as described above.

b. The projects being considered are located on a 0.35 gross acre site at 278 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in the CG Commercial General Zoning District (Mcmanis, James and Sara W., Owners). Council District 3. CEQA: Addendum to the Downtown Strategy 2000 Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 72767), Envision San José 2040 General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 76041), and Envision San José 2040 General Plan Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 77617). *Project Manager*, *Justin Daniels* 

<u>C16-020.</u> Rezoning from the CG Commercial General Zoning District to the DC Downtown Primary Commercial Zoning District.

<u>CP16-014.</u> Conditional Use Permit to allow the demolition of an existing building, the construction of a six story, 78-unit residential care facility, and the removal of six ordinance size trees.

## **Staff Recommendation:**

- 1. Consider the Addendum to the Downtown Strategy 2000 Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 72767), Envision San José 2040 General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 76041), and Envision San José 2040 General Plan Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 77617). in accordance with CEQA.
- 2. Recommend to the City Council to adopt a resolution to approve the Addendum; and to approve a Rezoning Ordinance and a Conditional Use Permit Resolution described above.
- c. The projects being considered are located on three parcels totaling approximately 0.5 gross acres, located on the northeast corner of South Market Street and East William Street in the DC Downtown Primary Commercial Zoning District (APNs: 264-30-089, 264-30-090, and 264-30-114) (Core Gateway II LLC, Owner). Council District 3. CEQA: "Gateway Towers Mixed-Use Project" Supplemental Environmental Impact Report to the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Downtown Strategy 2000 (Resolution No. 72767). *Project Manager*, *Tracy Tam*

<u>H15-047.</u> Site Development Permit to partially demolish Structure of Merit "Hegerich & Kemling Auto Sales" and fully demolish one non-historic building to construct a new 25-story mixed use building with up to 300 residential units and approximately 5,000 square feet of commercial space and the removal of one ordinance sized tree.

<u>T15-052.</u> Tentative Map to merge three parcels into one parcel and to create up to 300 residental condiminiums.

<u>V16-005.</u> Development Variance Permit to allow a combination of 105 uniform sized parking spaces and 180 small sized parking spaces.

- 1. Consider the "Gateway Towers Mixed-Use Project" Supplemental Environmental Impact Report to the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Downtown Strategy 2000 (Resolution No. 72767) in accordance with CEQA.
- 2. Recommend to the City Council to adopt a resolution making certain findings concerning significant impacts, mitigation measures, and alternatives related to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and certify the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, and to approve the Site Development Permit Resolution, Tentative Map Resolution and a Development Variance Permit Resolution as described above.

d. The project being considered is on an approximately 0.64 gross acre site, located at the southwesterly corner of Stevens Creek Boulevard and South Bascom Avenue (2202 Stevens Creek Boulevard) (SKW San José LLC, Owner). Council District 6. CEQA: Exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(c) for New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. *Project Manager*, *John Tu* 

<u>PDC15-009.</u> Planned Development Rezoning from the CP Commercial Pedestrian Zoning District to CP(PD) Planned Development Zoning District to allow up to 10,000 square feet of commercial use.

<u>PD15-009.</u> Planned Development Permit to allow the demolition of an existing commercial building, construction of an 8,300 square foot, single-story commercial building with the off-sale of beer and wine, and late night use.

<u>ABC16-005.</u> Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity for the off-sale of beer and wine in a 2,500 square foot tenant space of an 8,300 square foot commercial building.

## **Staff Recommendation:**

- 1. Consider the Exemption in accordance with CEQA.
- 2. Recommend to the City Council the approval of a Planned Development Rezoning Ordinance, a Planned Development Permit Resolution, and a Determination of Convenience or Necessity as described above.
- e. The projects being considered are located on an approximately 10.6 gross acre site, at the southwest corner of North Capitol Avenue and Gimelli Way (641 N. Capitol Avenue), within the North Capitol/McKee Road Urban Village, (Krass Deborah Trustee, Owner). Council District 5. CEQA: 641 North Capitol Avenue Mixed-Use Project Mitigated Negative Declaration.

  \*\*Project Manager\*, John Tu\*\*

PDC16-002. Planned Development Rezoning from the R-M Multiple Residence Zoning District to the CP(PD) Planned Development Zoning District to allow two development scenarios: (1) up to 188 residential units, a minimum of 108,000 square feet of commercial space, and approximately 43,583 square feet of publicly accessible park or (2) should the planned amount of jobs be reduced in the Urban Village for which the site is located then allow up to 493 residential units, a minimum of 38,360 square feet of commercial space, and approximately 43,583 square feet of publically accessible park.

<u>PT16-035.</u> Tentative Condominium Map to subdivide 1 parcel to 6 lots and create 188 residential condominium units.

<u>PD16-025.</u> Planned Development Permit to allow up to 188 residential units and a minimum of 108,000 square feet of commercial space.

- 1. Consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration for "641 North Capitol Avenue Mixed-Use Project" in accordance with CEQA.
- 2. Recommend to the City Council to adopt a resolution to approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and to approve a Planned Development Rezoning Ordinance, Tentative Condominium Map Resolution and Planned Development Permit Resolution as described above.

f. PDC16-013. Planned Development Rezoning from the CN Commercial Neighborhood and R-M Multi-Family Residence Zoning Districts to the CIC(PD) Planned Development Zoning District, to allow up to 72,000 square feet indoor/outdoor recreation and entertainment use (Topgolf), a 200-room hotel, and up to 110,000 square feet of commercial/retail space. The project being considered is located on an approximately 39.9 gross acre site, at the southeasterly corner of North First Street and Liberty Street (4701 North First Street and 1561 & 1537 Liberty Street) (Sainte Claire Corp., Owner). Council District 4. CEQA: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the "Topgolf at Terra Project". *Deferred from* 10/26/16. PROJECT MANAGER, JOHN TU

## THIS ITEM TO BE HEARD TOGETHER WITH ITEM 7.B.

#### **Staff Recommendation:**

- 1. Consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the "Topgolf at Terra Project" in accordance with CEQA.
- 2. Recommend to the City Council to adopt a resolution to approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and to approve a Planned Development Rezoning Ordinance as described above.

# 5. OPEN THE GENERAL PLAN HEARING (CONTINUED FROM NOVEMBER 02, 2016)

## 6. GENERAL PLAN CONSENT CALENDAR

a. GPT16-010. A Director initiated General Plan Text Amendment to include an Implementation Chapter into both the Roosevelt Park and Little Portugal City Council adopted Urban Village Plans. CEQA: Determination of Consistency with the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 76041) and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report to the Envision San José General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 77517). PROJECT MANAGER, LESLEY XAVIER

## **Staff Recommendation:**

- 1. Consider the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 76041) and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report to the Envision San José General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 77517) in accordance with CEQA.
- 2. Recommend to the City Council to adopt a resolution for the approval of a Director Initiated General Plan Text Amendment Resolution as described above

## 7. GENERAL PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

a. <u>GP16-003.</u> General Plan Amendment to the Land Use/Transportation Diagram from the Open Space, Parklands, and Habitat designation to the Residential Neighborhood designation on a 2.28 gross acre site located at 6100 Winfield Boulevard (Valley Christian Schools, Owner). *Continued from 11/2/16*. Council District: 10. CEQA: Negative Declaration. *Project Manager*, *Justin Daniels* 

- 1. Consider the Negative Declaration in accordance with CEQA.
- 2. Recommend to the City Council to adopt a resolution to approve Negative Declaration; and to deny the General Plan Text Amendment Resolution as described above.

b. GPT16-001. General Plan Amendment to the text of the Alviso Master Plan to modify the height restriction for a portion of area within the "Village Area" from 40 feet to 65 feet for buildings and allow non-structural uses such as energy saving devices, wireless communication antennae, net poles, and other associated structures to a maximum height of 170 feet. The project being considered is located on an approximately 39.9 gross acre site, at the southeasterly corner of North First Street and Liberty Street (4701 North First Street and 1561 & 1537 Liberty Street) (Sainte Claire Corp., Owner). Council District 4. CEQA: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the "Topgolf at Terra Project". *Deferred from* 10/26/16. *Project Manager*, *John Tu* 

## THIS ITEM TO BE HEARD TOGETHER WITH ITEM 4.F.

## **Staff Recommendation:**

- 1. Consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the "Topgolf at Terra Project" in accordance with CEQA.
- 2. Recommend to the City Council to adopt a resolution to approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and to approve a General Plan Amendment to the Text of the Alviso Master Plan Resolution as described above
- c. The Alameda Urban Village Plan is prepared by the City and community to provide a Policy framework to guide new job and housing growth within the Urban Village boundary and guide the preservation of existing neighborhoods and historic buildings. The Plan will also guide the characteristics of the future developments, including buildings, parks, plazas and public art, streetscape and circulation, and financing within this area. This Plan supports the identified growth capacity for this Urban Village in the Envision San José 2040 General Plan, providing the capacity for development of approximately 411 new dwelling units and 1,610 new jobs (483,000 square feet of commercials space).CEQA: Determination of Consistency with the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan (Resolution No. 76041, November 1, 2011). Deferred from 10/26/16.

PROJECT MANAGER, LEILA HAKIMIZADEH

## **Staff Recommendation:**

- 1. Consider the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 76041) and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report to the Envision San José General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 77517) in accordance with CEQA.
- 2. Recommend to the City Council to adopt of a resolution approving The Alameda Urban Village Plan as described above.
- d. GP14-008. City-initiated General Plan Amendment to change the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram land use designation from Public/Quasi-Public to Lower Hillside of a 3.2 acre site, located at the east side of Dove Hill Road, approximately 500 feet north of Hassler Parkway (4200 Dove Hill Road) (Kuehne Stanislaus and Eleanore Trustee & Et, Owner). Council District 8. CEQA: Dovehill Lower Hillside Negative Declaration.

PROJECT MANAGER, JOHN TU

## **Staff Recommendation:**

1. Consider the Dovehill Lower Hillside Initial Study/Negative Declaration in accordance with CEQA.

- 2. Recommend to the City Council to adopt a resolution to approve the Negative Declaration; and the approval of a City-Initiated General Plan Amendment Resolution as described above
- e. <u>GPT16-009.</u> City-initiated General Plan Text Amendments associated with the General Plan Four-Year Review. Council District: Citywide. CEQA: Addendum to the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 76041) and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report to the Envision San José General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 77517). *Project Manager*, *Jared Hart*

#### **Staff Recommendation:**

- 1. Consider the Addendum to the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 76041) and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report to the Envision San José General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 77517) in accordance with CEQA.
- 2. Recommend to the City Council to adopt a resolution to approve the Addendum; and the approval of a City-Initiated General Plan Text Amendment Resolution as described above

## 8. CONTINUE THE GENERAL PLAN HEARING TO DECEMBER 7, 2016

# 9. REFERRALS FROM CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR OTHER AGENCIES

No Items

## 10. GOOD AND WELFARE

- a. Report from City Council
- b. Review and Approve Action Minutes from 11-2-16
- c. Subcommittee Formation, Reports, and Outstanding Business
- d. Commission Calendar and Study Sessions
- e. The Public Record

## ADJOURNMENT

## 2016 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	Type of Meeting	Location
January 13	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Council Chambers
January 27	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
February 10	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
February 24	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
March 9	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
March 23	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
April 13	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
April 27	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
May 4	5:00 p.m.	Study Session/Public Hearing:	Council Chambers
2016/2017 Capital Budget & 2017/2021 Capital Improvement Program			
May 4	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Council Chambers
May 11	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Council Chambers
May 25	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
June 8	6:30 p.m.	Cancelled: Regular	Council Chambers
June 22	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
July 13	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Wing Room 118 & 119
July 27	6:30 p.m.	Cancelled: Regular	Wing Room 118, 119, & 120
August 10	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
August 24	6:30 p.m.	Cancelled: Regular	Council Chambers
September 14	6:30 p.m.	Regular	
September 28	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
October 12	5:00 p.m.	Study Session:	Council Chambers
General Plan Performance Review			
October 12	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Council Chambers
October 14	8:45 a.m.	Planning Commission Retreat	T-550
October 26	5:00 p.m.	Study Session:	Council Chambers
General Plan Performance Review			
October 26	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Council Chambers
November 2	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Council Chambers
November 16	5:00 p.m.	Study Session:	Council Chambers
General Plan 4-Year Review			
November 16	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Council Chambers
December 7	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
December 14	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers

## **ABOUT THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

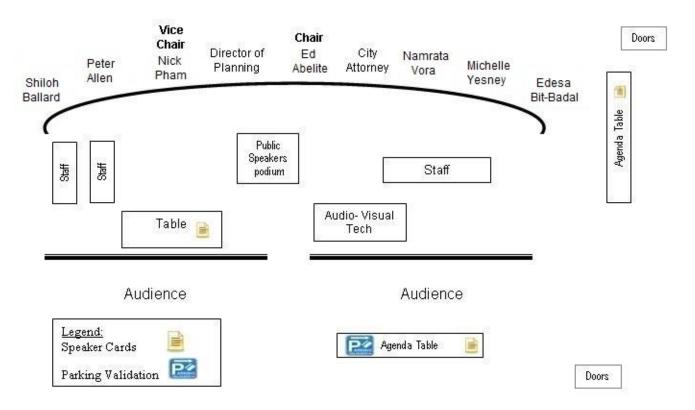
The Planning Commission is a seven-member body, appointed by the City Council, which performs two types of actions:

- One type is "Quasi-Legislative" in nature in which the Planning Commission makes recommendations
  to the City Council regarding the adoption, amendment, or repeal of general or specific plans, Zoning
  Code provisions, or regulations related to the land use development, redevelopment, rehabilitation or
  renewal of the City, including its Capital Improvement Programs.
- The second type of action is "Quasi-Judicial" in nature in which the Planning Commission applies
  previously adopted legislation to particular applications and acts as a decision-making or appellate
  body. Examples of these types of actions include Commission decisions on Conditional Use Permits,
  appeals of the Planning Director's decisions on certain land use permits, and the certification of
  Environmental Impact Reports.

A notation of "Administrative Hearing" for an agenda item indicates that the item is a Quasi-Judicial action of the Commission in order to assist the public in understanding the role of the Planning Commission on a particular item.

To effectively manage the Planning Commission Agenda, and to be sensitive to concerns regarding the length of public hearing, the Planning Commission may determine to proceed with remaining agendized items past 11:00 p.m., or to continue this hearing to a later date, or to defer remaining items to the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting date. The decision on how to proceed will be heard by the Planning Commission no later than 11:00 p.m.

## <u>Seating Chart within the City Council Chambers:</u>



The San José Planning Commission generally meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Agendas and Staff Reports for Planning Commission items may be viewed on the Internet at <a href="http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=1764">http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=1764</a>

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If you have any agenda questions, please contact Support Staff at (408) 535-5695 or email. Thank you for taking the time to attend today's meeting. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

## **FREQUENTLY USED ABBREVIATIONS**

**CEQA** California Environmental Quality Act

CP Conditional Use Permit
 DA Development Agreement
 PD Planned Development Permit
 PDC Planned Development Zoning

## CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS

The Code of Conduct is intended to promote open meetings that welcome debate of public policy issues being discussed by the City Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, their Committees, and City Boards and Commissions in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy, and respect for differing points of view.

## 1. Public Meeting Decorum:

- a) Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior, which will disrupt the public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- b) Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.
- c) Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
- d) Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms at all times.
- e) Persons in the audience will not place their feet on the seats in front of them.
- f) No food, drink (other than bottled water with a cap), or chewing gum will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, except as otherwise pre-approved by City staff.
- g) All persons entering the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, including their bags, purses, briefcases and similar belongings, may be subject to search for weapons and other dangerous materials.

## 2. Signs, Objects or Symbolic Material:

- a) Objects and symbolic materials, such as signs or banners, will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, with the following restrictions:
  - No objects will be larger than 2 feet by 3 feet.
  - No sticks, posts, poles or other such items will be attached to the signs or other symbolic materials.
  - The items cannot create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.
- b) Persons with objects and symbolic materials such as signs must remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.
- c) Objects that are deemed a threat to persons at the meeting or the facility infrastructure are not allowed. City staff is authorized to remove items and/or individuals from the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms if a threat exists or is perceived to exist. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: firearms (including replicas and antiques), toy guns, explosive material, and ammunition; knives and other edged weapons; illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia; laser pointers, scissors, razors, scalpels, box cutting knives, and other cutting tools; letter openers, corkscrews, can openers with points, knitting needles, and hooks; hairspray, pepper spray, and aerosol containers; tools; glass containers; and large backpacks and suitcases that contain items unrelated to the meeting.

# CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS (CONT'D)

## 3. Addressing the Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, Committee, Board or Commission:

- a) Persons wishing to speak on an agenda item or during open forum are requested to complete a speaker card and submit the card to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
- b) Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any agenda item and/or during open forum; the time limit is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. Applicants and appellants in land use matters are usually given more time to speak.
- c) Speakers should discuss topics related to City business on the agenda, unless they are speaking during open forum.
- d) Speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners, or Staff in conversation will not be honored. Abusive language is inappropriate.
- e) Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that have been inspected by security staff.
- f) If an individual wishes to submit written information, he or she may give it to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
- g) Speakers and any other members of the public will not approach the dais at any time without prior consent from the Chair of the meeting.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct which will disturb, disrupt or impede the orderly conduct of the meeting may result in removal from the meeting and/or possible arrest.